

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 90
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sasha Kay Dunavant for her prize-winning poetry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as talented young individuals of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sasha Kay Dunavant, the daughter of proud parents, Claudia Johnson and Richard Dunavant; and

WHEREAS, Sasha has, at a young age, become an award-winning poetess having been selected as a semifinalist in the International Open Poetry contest for her poem "Liar"; and

WHEREAS, her poem will be featured on an audio collection called "The Sound of Poetry" and is currently available on the Internet at www.poetry.com; and

WHEREAS, her success has also earned her an invitation to the International Society of Poet's 2003 Spring Convention and Symposium at Walt Disney World; and

WHEREAS, Sasha has previously had her poetry published in a National Young Poets Contest in the fall of 2000;

WHEREAS, Ms. Dunavant has expanded her writing skills by doing several guest columns for *The Pulaski Citizen* and *The Giles Free Press*, including a Christmas commentary, an editorial and a review of a local theatrical production; and

WHEREAS, she is an outstanding student at Highland Christian Academy as signified by her membership in the Beta Club, her standing as an honor student and her nomination by her teachers for an American Character and Citizenship Award; and

WHEREAS, Sasha is very active in her church, Highland Baptist Church, where she is a member of the Youth Handbell Choir; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Sasha for her accomplishments and her standing as one of the most impressive young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Sasha Kay Dunavant on her award-winning poetry and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.